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SUBJECT: SAHEL R/R DROUGHT VEHICLE MAINTENANCE FACILITY  
M1. MAINTENANCE GARAGE PLANS COMPLETED BY MINEQUIPMENT AND  
SUBMITTED MINHEALTH. INITIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH MINHEALTH  
CONCERNING PLANS WERE HELD DURING PAST WEEK. ESTIMATION OF COST  
BY MINEQUIPMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF GARAGE FACILITY IS APPROX  
DOLS 850,000. AMOUNT OBLIGATED FOR THIS ACTIVITY BY AID/W  
IS DOLS 400,000.

2. MINHEALTH IN AGREEMENT WITH THE PLAN COST ESTIMATE AS  
PRESENTED BY MINEQUIPMENT. MINHEALTH STATED GIRM NOT ABLE TO  
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PICK UP TAB FOR ADDITIONAL DOLS 450,000 THAT IS OVER AND

ABOVE THAT OBLIGATED BY USAID. MINHEALTH MADE TWO RECOMMENDATIONS. A. AID/NKT TELEX AID/W CONCERNING NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO COVER COSTS AND B. OSRO BE CONTACTED CONCERNING FINANCING OF DOLS 450,000. MINHEALTH WENT ON TO SAY HE BELIEVED THAT OSRO HAD EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THIS PROJECT. HE APPEARED TO LEAVE LITTLE DOUBT THAT HE IS MOST INTERESTED IN GOING AHEAD WITH PROJECT AS PRESENTED BY MINEQUIPMENT AND THAT ANYTHING LESS WOULD NOT SERVE INTENDED PURPOSE. COMMENT: GARAGE PLAN VERY CLOSELY FOLLOWS PRELIMINARY SPECS BY UNICEF AND APPEARS TO BE WITHOUT FRILLS. UNICEF REGIONAL TECH CONSULTANT DUE HERE SOON AND WILL MAKE OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL JUDGEMENT ON PLAN. END COMMENT.

3. CONTACTED HERE CONCERNING POSSIBLE OSRO INTEREST, WFP LIEC BELIEVES OSRO MAY BE INTERESTED IN FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ESTABLISH TWO MOBILE MAINTENANCE TEAMS FOR MINHEALTH TRUCK FLEET BUT NOT AWARE OF ANY INTEREST IN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR MAINTENANCE GARAGE CONSTRUCTION. WFP REP HESITANT ABOUT QUERYING OSRO SINCE HE HAD NOTHING OFFICIAL SUGGESTING IT INTERESTED IN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROJECT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: A. PRIOR TO CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS WITH MINHEALTH, REQUEST OSRO BE CONTACTED ON ITS INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING WITH THIS PROJECT. B. DEFINE AID/W POSITION ON ENLARGING ORIGINAL PROJECT BUDGET. SHINN UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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